

REMARKS

It is initially noted that the present application has been deemed abandoned. A petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment based on failure to receive the restriction requirement is being filed concurrently. The Applicant is responding to the restriction requirement with the expectation to expedite prosecution with the expectation that the petition will be granted.

Claims 1-42 are pending in the present application but are subject to a restriction requirement. The Examiner stated:

This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species:

- 1a. The embodiment of Figure 4 [0019]
- 1b. The embodiment of Figure 6 [0027]
- 1c. The embodiment of Figure 7 [0030]

The species are independent or distinct because in species 1a a server delivers and a client retrieves print content using electronic mail, in 1b the client automatically retrieves print content from a server and in species 1c a server delivers print content directly to a printer without regard of a client.

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Upon election of one of species 1a-1c above Applicant is further required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect one of the following disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. (Currently, no claims appear generic.)

2a. The embodiment wherein the act of providing compensation content comprises providing electronic data representing a negotiable instrument to be printed as set forth in, for example, claim 3.

2b. The embodiment wherein the act of providing compensation content comprises providing electronic data representing a coupon to be printed as set forth in, for example, claim 4.

2c. The embodiment wherein the act of providing compensation content comprises providing electronic data instructing payment to a specified account as set forth in, for example, claim 5.

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Upon election of one of species 2a-2c above Applicant is further required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect one of the following disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. (Currently, no claims appear generic.)

3a. The embodiment wherein the act of calculating a compensation value comprises calculating a compensation value based upon the number of sheets required to produce the print content as set forth in, for example, claim 7.

3b. The embodiment, wherein the act of calculating comprises calculating the compensation value based upon the number of sheets actually used to produce the print content as set forth in, for example, claim 8.

The Applicant elects species 1a, 2a, 3a as identified by the Examiner. The Claims that read on the elected invention are 1-3, 6, 7, 9-13, 15-17, 20, 21, 23-26, 29-32, and 35-42.

CONCLUSION: The foregoing is believed to be a complete response to the outstanding Office Action.

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